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1. The East German government has a record of 1,100,000 Germans still living in Poland or Polish-occupied territory. Of these, 80,000 have officially renounced German citizenship; on the other hand, 40,000 have made application for German passports. Although most of the Germans desire to return to Germany\*, only about 5,000 actually returned in 1951. The East German Foreign Ministry has repeatedly urged the cabinet to take diplomatic steps to improve the lot of the Germans under Polish rule, and to enable a larger number of them to migrate to the DDR. The cancellation of the East German-Polish treaty has been proposed as a means of pressure if no satisfactory solution is found. The Ministry of the Interior of the DDR has refused visas for Germans to visit relatives in Poland.
2. There are still officially 108 German prisoners of war in Rumania, besides about 100,000 German civilians. A diplomatic note is being sent concerning the latter, proposing their return to Germany. These persons have been taken out of industry and removed from the cities to work on farms. The DDR is anxious to obtain this additional labor force.

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